

Net Neutrality supports we the people -- not we the big corporations; let's protect it.

—Mr James David Walsh, Alexandria, VA

True net neutrality is in everyone's best interest. Do not let greed harm the interests of the many for the financial benefit of the few Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Arthur H. Swers, Floyd, VA

The internet should not be corporatized for profit but for every person's use freely and neutrally.

—Andrew D Rowlas, Chicago, IL

Please don't let greedy corporate interest take away our net neutrality. The vigor of our nation depends upon free and easy access to information, product choice, and start up innovation. We live in a rural area with little shopping opportunity, without the ease of shopping on the internet and the specific choices that it affords we would have to drive three hours each way to shop and possibly not even find what we were specifically interested in. Please preserve free speech on a neutral internet.

—Ms. Theresa Zelazny, Alpine, TX

Please uphold Net Neutrality to keep discrimination by ISPs in check.

—Bryan Buchholz, Amherst, NY

I don't want corporations to control what sites and services I choose to connect to with an internet connection. I also don't think it's right for cable and telephone companies to use their internet customers to extort money from websites and services for the privilege of sending traffic to their shared customers. If I request data from a site or service, I expect my ISP to pass the data along without charging their customers more for the privilege or slowing anything down. Tough Common Carrier regulations on ISPs under Title II is the only proper way forward. Now get on that immediately. Thank you.

—Edward McClaugherty, Germantown, MD

EQUAL ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IS A RIGHT FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY. DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS BY ENDING NET NEUTRALITY.

—Mr. Mary Ann Graffagnino, Tucson, AZ

We have to keep what happened to radio from happening to the internet. Radio is now owned by a few companies that control what music is played. The result is the same boring stuff over and over. We can't let that happen to the internet. The small voices are just as important as the big ones, and people want to hear them just as much, if not more, than the "big viewpoints."

—Marianne Flanagan, Des Plaines, IL

The WHOLE REASON THE FCC was created! was to ensure the public had equal access to the airwaves since THEY OWNED THE AIR!!! Same applies to the internet!!

—Ron Crawford, New York, NY

Americans want all internet content to be treated equally. We do not want Cable and Telecom companies to interfere with net neutrality. The American people want the FCC and United States government to keep the Internet free and open. Do not allow these greedy corporations to ruin the Internet.

—David Abelson, New York, NY

I am very concerned about net neutrality. Please do not allow Internet service providers to create fast lanes for rich people. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time.

—Rift Vegan, Eugene, OR

Because it's important to make the net a safe place for everyone, a place for truly free expression and communication!

—Jacob Martin, Mansfield, OH

I thought we already paid for internet...I pay a premium for faster connectivity. I would hate this to get worse. Internet is already part of our everyday lives, too late to up the fees now. Stop the greed.

—Katina Stewart, Palmer, AK

KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. A NEUTRAL NET SERVES DEMOCRACY

—Patty linder, San Jose, CA

Please don't sell out the public.

—Harold Waters, Houston, TX

The internet is very important to me and is important that net neutrality stays the way it already is. No need to change the internet and no need to change net neutrality .

—Cale Cochran, Williamson, GA

Internet should be the same as telephone service and mail. At this point in time the internet should be classified as a common carrier. AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon should not be allowed to dictate what people can and cannot access on the internet (obviously national laws should still apply). We don't allow AT&T decide who we may or may not receive of phone call from, why should they decide what websites "work".

—Robert Boyer, New Castle, DE

A 2-tiered internet is not what this country needs. Everyone should have equal access, not based upon income-affordability, which is what the FCC is heading towards. You're on the slippery slope now.

—Elaine Brandt, Venice, CA

The cable companies can not be allowed to sabotage a free and open internet. Their unfettered greed and monopolistic control of their markets will stifle badly needed American innovation. Do not allow it.

—Dave Dewey, Webster, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe that freedom of speech at a slightly slower speed compared to others with more money isn't freedom of speech at all.

—Charles Chano, Altadena, CA

The companies are literally monopolizing this industry and destroying the way the internet works. The internet is slow enough as it is. These companies will siphon our internet while charging us higher amounts of money when they don't do ANYTHING correctly. I grew up with the slowest internet on earth because there was nothing but dial up available in bumblefuck. I finally was able to get satellite internet which was still horrible slow and twice the price of dial up. Why didn't I get cable? Because these assholes refused to make it available.

—Ivana Schaeffer, Kempton, PA

The Internet is a conduit for free expression of ideas and information. It must remain open in order to support our democracy and civilization.

—Robert Kaiser, Whitefish, MT

Because information should never be bias and take sides.

—Quinn Rae, Kamloops,

Net neutrality is important to me because money shouldn't get in the way of facts. Don't pass on more difficulty to people who don't have or behalf of those who do.

—Nick, Tonawanda, NY

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me, and to all of those around the world. How else are people's voices going to be heard?

—Ethan Eldridge, Burlington, VT

The Internet should be reclassified as a common carrier, not exploited by telecom giants. Lack of competition between bloated service providers is the source of limited speed. Rewarding them for poor service is unconscionable. Giving big telecoms more power will stifle innovation and ultimately hurt business in the US, just like slow internet speeds do. Allowing tiered service is a mistake, not a solution.

—Melissa Adams-Hunt, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial for small business, the engine of our economy, as well as because the American people want it and they, not the cable companies, are the entity the U.S. government Constitutionally represents.

—Elizabeth Raintree, Beaverton, OR

It would stop small online businesses from growing, and there might be a possibility of internet censorship, and the government blocking certain sites critical of political opponents and opposing political parties. What I pay for is the speed I should get also. I can't take the throttling anymore of certain streaming services like netflix.

—Robert Ritter, Cleveland, OH

Please restore net neutrailty. Giving big cable companies another way to charge consumers is not a good idea.

—Mark Croft, Pinellas Park, FL

Net newutrality needs to be preserved!

—David Davenport, Waller, TX

The way society advances is through communication and giving someone to power to inhibit it by providing favor to those who agree with it or buy it off only dumps power into the same group who have no reason to change things. They would prefer us in the dark and would cripple a lot of the things that make the internet great if they were to be allowed to change speeds depending on how much they had been paid.

—Ryan Ford, Beckley, WV

Net neutrality is THE way the little guy can have any hope of meritocracy working!

—Travis Harper, Seattle, WA

This is unacceptable. It is so obvious that the 1% is trying to take over.

—Dorothy Staby, Aliquippa, PA

The Internet is one of the only places that the average person can be equal to a big buisness, taking that away and overly regulateing it would be a huge mistake. People need to be freely informed.

—Scott Malloy, glendale, AZ

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!!! it matters. Two-tiered internet does not benefit consumers, and stifles innovation and competition.

—Dave Casto, columbus, OH



If we had any real competition we would have the fastest internet in the world. Call time warner cable customer service and see how little they care about the consumer. That is the first sign of an oligopoly. Now you are contiplating allowing some to pay for access to a limited resource made possible by monopolistic practices. I am embarrassed to be an American. We will fall behind as a competitive economy if our internet does not stay an even playing field. The problem is not that some need to pay for better access, our utilities need more competition to drive globally competitive internet access. I am hoping for google fiber to improve performance and drive down prices with competition. The reason eliminateing net neutrality is even discussed is because the bloated service companies are not investing to meet demand. They want to charge because there is a shortage and they can charge a "premium" Keep net neutrality.

—Press miller, Charlotte, NC

Mr. Wheeler, if you let these big boys destroy internet neutrality, you will be responsible for an outrage that will reverberate throughout this country. We won't stand for it. Eileen

—Eileen Kues, Cincinnati, OH

NO ONE in the U.S. wants a 2-tiered internet, except the cable companies who will be able to charge extra for it. Stop this attack on Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers!

—Don Dieckmann, Alton, IL

So you sayin not only is the freedoms of my country up for grabs the vast freedom I had on the Web is aswell

—Romare Sturdivant, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because I believe the internet belongs to us and without fairness to all only the biggest public companies will have the unfair advantage over everyone else. Of course we probably should expect this from a guy who formerly worked as a lobbyist for the cable TV industry.

—Jim Patterson, INDEPENDENCE, MO

The public does not want or need 2 tiered Internet service. Small Internet businesses are harmed when large businesses can purchase a Internet 'fast lane'. I strong support Net neutrality!

—Eric Kempter, Pleasant Hill, CA

Keep this fair.

—Chad Commute Bramble, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Please stop being a bunch of corporate cocksuckers and stop this nonsense of letting corporations crush the innovation the internet can offer due to greed. Stop letting the money the lobbyists throw at you and your buddies and do your fucking job.

—Melinda Smith, London, KY

Net Neutrality is vitally important to not only small, and mid sized businesses, but the American people. The 99% have been run over enough. It's time that our rights are protected as well.

—C K, Lake Geneva, WI

"The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible." "As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality." "Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it."

—Michael von Sacher-Masoch, Everett, WA

Net Neutrality is not only important is essential. We count on you to preserve it because that is what the people want.

—Janie Vachon Robillard, St-Léonard d'Aston,

Internet needs to be reclassified as a utility. Stop this two tier system. Internet needs to be internet. A single high speed line for everyone, do not split the internet into those who have, and those who have not.

—Donald Munk, Staten Island, NY

Please reclassify the internet as Common Carriers. I use the internet daily & I shouldn't have to pay extra to use websites. The internet should be open and stay open so we can learn and discover new interests, opinions & facts.

—Michael P Rand, Weymouth, MA

I don't want the crap the big providers dish out. Give me EQUAL access to the smaller providers that give me what I am interested in...

—Arthur Torrey, North Billerica, MA

The freedom of humanity is what is at stake. When will American corporations actually do something right and honest for the world? When was the last time the US actually gave something of worth? Instead they usurp societal progress for corporate profits. When will someone put and end to this destruction?

—Jake Schwenke, Melbourne,

The internet is not a luxury, but a necessity. It has actually been forced on us in some ways. Many schools require taking online courses and several things must be registered for online. We must all have equal access and speed in today's world.

—Gina Turner, memphis, TN

Everyone but a small corporate minority is against this. No one is fooled. If this plan goes through, it will be explicit proof of corruption within the FCC and the Obama administration - a betrayal of the trust of the American people.

—Robert Lindauer, Chicago, IL

Internet is a telecommunication service and shouldn't be allowed to be taken over by large corporations for the selfish benefit of the few. Regulation is key and is absolutely required. No large corporation should be allowed to negatively affect small websites on the internet. Small ecommerce stores everywhere will hurt from this while the big ISP's like Comcast will steal from the poor and give to themselves. IT IS WRONG! ETHICALLY & MORALLY WRONG!

—Austin Dame, Plymouth, MN

The internet is the only way citizens who are interested in effecting change can reach each other. The government has been taken over by mega-corporations, and those corporations are doing their level best to see to it that we CAN'T reach each other, because if we can reach each other, there will be change, and they do not want change that they do not control. Please don't listen to the corporations. They have already taken complete control of Congress; now they are coming for the few remaining independent executive departments. They want to own this country and control everything the government does. We remember, by contrast, when this was a democratic republic which answered to the people, not the corporations. Please show that you still answer to the people. We know -- don't think you can fool us -- how overwhelmingly the people have been contacting you in favor of true, strong, and protected Net Neutrality. Do what they are asking of you, and help save the remnants of a democratic republic for the day when, through our internet-based communications and organizational ability, we can bring it back to life.

—Naomi G Rivkis, Seattle, WA

Having an Internet that is open and free from entities dictating what content is provided is crucial. Please reverse the FCC rules that allow for discrimination. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Steven Anderson, Chicago, IL



Every single story we, the human species, tell are stories of the greedy, selfish and powerful trying to use and control the disadvantaged to gain their greedy, selfish goals. There is no question that companies would exploit a two-tiered internet simply for profit. For money. For made-up, invented HUMAN money that doesn't exist or hold value ANYwhere else in the universe. Service would indeed be choked for everyone on the lower tier, causing a small number to abandon the system in protest, but causing a few more to submit to the system out of laziness, apathy, or necessity. Ruining the essential quality that makes the internet such a powerful tool would be no problem for a few extra pennies for those who are ALREADY so much more advantaged than the rest of us. This is not up for debate. This is definitely what would happen. You, the proponent of a two-tiered internet, are without question the monster, the villain. It is simple and irrefutable. Two-tiered internet is, without question, wrong. Why cling so despicably to a simple-minded, short-sighted, superficial set of greedy values? Why not instead seek prosperity by fixing the world's problems? Surely a mega-corporation that attempts to heal the world and solve problems would still be profitable and still satiate the 'fat-cats' pathetic, greedy need to hoard wealth and security. Why not save the world, instead of make it a worse place to be? Why not give people what they want, instead of denying their requests outright simply for the rich to gain a petty few more riches?

—Brian, Toronto,

Dear Tom Wheller and the FCC, Please throw out the new proposed rules that would create a two-tiered internet. There is already an effective monopoly when it comes to internet service providers, and your rules would only enhance this. It would be bad for customers and businesses (save for Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, etc.) If our government exists to serve the people and not big businesses that can buy influence, these new rules will be dropped and net neutrality will be protected. Respectfully, Seth Holt

—Seth Holt, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality provides a fair playing field for all internet users. This is important for political as well as economic reasons.

—Jim Braun, Cleveland, OH

It's important the FCC goes away never to be heard from again, ergo, Net Neutrality would never be an issue either. In fact, the entire US Corrupt Gov't needs to go away and start fresh with real American people, not Corporate and Military Terrorists.

—David G, Kailua Kona, HI

Without Net Neutrality, Democracy is a lost cause.

—John P. Heyneman, Webster, NY

Keep my access to information free and fast.

—Dana Meyer, Richmond, CA

We are fending off democracy-gutting assaults on every front in American life. The internet is one of the few environments that currently retains a democratic essence. You will ruin it if you do not preserve net neutrality to prevent a tiered system of internet access. The internet is clearly a public utility, just as electricity, heat and the like are. Do not be the corporate shills in regulatory clothing that go down in history for handing control over to private interests to do with as they wish. It's wrong, but if you don't care about that, you'll be the worst kind of famous, which may matter to you more. History will judge you very harshly.

—Janique O'Shea, Waltham, MA

We cannot let big corporations, (ie: money) once again, control our freedom. We must leave the internet as is...no tiers, so that everyone is equal. If the ruling goes through, the winners will be big businesses, the losers, the little guy and the consumer (also little guys). The internet, as it currently is, has allowed unprecedented freedom of expression, freedom to knowledge, freedom of entertainment, freedom to connect with the entire world. THIS FREEDOM CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY. The internet belongs to the people. The USA is a democracy\* (supposedly). Let's keep democracy in something that is currently truly democratic. \*Democracy is a form of government in which all eligible citizens participate equally. From the Preamble of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law. We demand our rights.

—Patricia Oliver, Pleasant Plain, OH

Net Neutrality is about opportunity and freedom for the common person; not about corporations and their profits.

—Rene Ontivero Jr, Hialeah, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, throw out FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan that would allow discrimination online. Maintain Net Neutrality.

—Catherine Hunt, Piscataway, NJ

Net neutrality, really internet-flow neutrality, is only important if we want to maintain our democracy. Otherwise, let the richest have the most say, just like in the Koch brothers' megaphone in the electoral process.

—Marshall Dinowitz, Belmont, CA

Internet providers are not struggling to make a profit. Relaxing strict net neutrality principles just allows them to extort even greater fees from those who can afford it while ignoring those who can't. The truly open internet is just about the only level playing field left - please don't throw it away for a campaign contribution.

—Charles Abele, Newton, MA

The net is possibly the last place where the media mafia does not have total control and where real democracy is still alive.

—David Stopher, Cambridge,

Net neutrality is not broke, but certain giant conglomerates will surely make it that way if you make any changes at all to the system as it now stands. For once, stand with the majority of the people, not the greedy corporations. Isn't that really the morally correct thing to do? Yes, you know it is.

—Lee Hutchings, Wichita Falls, TX

Dear Mr. Wheeler: I believe that the internet is a very important tool for the young generation to learn and get ahead in the world of fierce competition today. Please do not let the greedy and sleazy internet companies to ruin this wonderful teaching and learning tool for our kids. You do know that these companies are making too much money already at the price of freedom on the net. We are already paying too much for the internet, much more than what the rest of the world pays. Please do not let COMCAST, ATT, VERISON and TIMEWARNER to run the internet totally to the ground. Sincerely, Abbass Sekhavat, MD

—Abbass Sekhavat, Richardson, TX

It's important that lower income people have equal access to the internet and good, reliable and stable service. Cable and phone companies have monopolized things for far too long to the detriment of the consumer. Competition is supposed to be what made the USA a great place to live... does the absence of competitors reverse the progress made in the old days?

—Katherine Noble, Stillwater, MN

The internet can't be controlled by the biggest, wealthiest companies. ISPs must be classified as common carriers.

—Ms. Barbara Conover, Montclair, NJ

ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The Internet should be free of discrimination which is really the basis of the proposed tiered system. The FCC was established to protect the interests of every American not those with the biggest bank balance. Step up and protect all Americans by not giving Internet service providers the power to pick and choose who they support and who they screw over.

—Mary Catherine Green, Madison, WI

Don't change internet service I love my netflix and hulu plus. Don't end net neutrality every one deserves one speed.

—Alex Grennor, Aiken, SC



The proposal to create a two-tier network speed system is blatantly unfair. It will create a system where the "haves" will have a limited access interstate and the rest of us will have to live with rutted dirt roads. Once again we are in danger of developing another system that flies in the face of the concept of democracy. We need to keep net neutrality so everyone can have equal access. The US should not become Animal Farm where some "animals are more equal than others." And we need to replace Tom Wheeler, a lobbyist for the cable industry, with a "net neutral" director and the FCC.

—Donald A. Simon, Philadelphia, PA

Why should big telecommunication companies profit from the internet? They make billions already and this would give them even more power to promote their insular message.

—Merrie Thornburg, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because I believe the internet belongs to every person and every business great and small. Without fairness to all only the biggest public companies with deep pockets of investor money will have the advantage over everyone else. Mom and Pop startups will not be able to afford the bribes to the Cable companies and thus will be in the slow lanes and eventually will go out of business. Of course we probably should expect this from a guy who formerly worked as a lobbyist for the cable TV industry.

—Kristopher Herring, Fulton, MO

Yes it's important stop the rich from becoming richer. We have to stop them from trying to do what they want with the internet. You know whats right make the right choice please.

—Zulma Pabon, Lancaster, PA

The currently proposed rules put us on a slippery slope that will destroy an open, neutral internet. The time is now to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—George Williams, Scottsboro, AL

We, the humanity everywhere, are not happy with being pushed to the back of the bus with speeds reduced on our Internet service and not being given equal access to all with equal and fair say. We are more important than the corporations....for if we are lost you will not have any corporations ever again. We are the people, not those damn corporations.

—Mario G. Rivera, Albuquerque, NM

Please do not let wealthy corporations control the Internet. It's wrong.

—Robert Canipe, Hickory, NC

A tiered access to internet content will create many, many problems for real people trying to create businesses, or gather information for school projects, or any of the myriad of other ways people use internet access. The vast majority of people and businesses are for true net neutrality. There are only very limited large corporations who benefit from this change in the rules. If this were truly a democracy, we wouldn't even be having this discussion, as the proposal is so egregious.

—Kathleen Lowney, Issaquah, WA

Do not create a multi speed internet. Keep the internet neutral.

—Cathy Zheutlin, PORTLAND, OR

It is the one remaining thing in my life that has not been ruined by government overreach, corporate greed, and the upper 1%. The internet has been the best economic engine in our lifetimes. DO NOT try to fix what is not broken in favor of even more corporate profits that will only fuel more purchased elections. I voted for Obama partially on his promise to keep the internet neutral. Please do not sell out.

—Mr. Dale Kubler, Birmingham, AL

Corporations have already corrupted our lives, tell them to stay away from our internet - back off !!!

—J Davis, Orlando, FL



No two tier system that favors the rich  
—Beverly Jahn, Denver, CO

The internet is the vehicle we all non privileged individuals use to innovate our lives. This day in age our intention is to be more dynamic in how we conduct business and access our data. Making the internet a pay as you go system will not only cripple our dreams, it will discourage anyone looking to make something out of nothing.  
—Carlos, Attleboro, MA

Net neutrality means everyone has equal access...period. Embrace the concept of equal and unlimited access to ideas and information. Don't sell humanity out.  
—Vicki Roberts, Salem, IL

The Cable companies will raise prices. Most of us do not have enough money now. We also cannot allow the Cable companies to have more power over websites that perform vital functions but the nature of their product does not permit fees to be charged. Limiting access to these public service information sites would leave holes in needed services. Keep the free stuff free for as long as possible. Don't let the Internet go into an inflationary spiral.  
—Thomas Daniel Smith, Columbus, IN

I'm tired of getting screwed by big companies.  
—Mark McCallon, Louisville, KY

Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.  
—Cindy De Leon, Reno, NV

Chairman Wheeler needs to resign. He is a shill for the cable and telecom companies. Let's get a new Chairman or Chairwoman who will standup for the American people - not just for big business.  
—Otis, Franklin, TN

I use the internet constantly!! My online activity helps me keep my sanity. I DO NOT want to be forced to the back of the bus because I'm not rich enough to sit in front!  
—Joann Koch, Lebanon, CT

Democracy is truly at risk if Net Neutrality is lost.  
—Shirley Marsh, Fremantle,

America is based on certain freedoms. Unfortunately these freedoms are being infringed upon with the latest proposal of creating a "fast lane" for internet traffic. Snuffing out new startups companies is not the only consequence of this proposal, the flow of information will also be hindered. And information is tied to freedom. Please don't take away our freedom.  
—Mohammed Twam, Brooklyn, NY

Please do not end Net Neutrality.  
—Benjamin Oyer, Reading, MA

This is your legacy. Do the right thing. Keep Net Neutrality.  
—Nancy Lee Bidigare, Glendale, CO

keep the internet one tiered with equal access.

—Bill Brackett, Huntington Beach, CA, CA

Mr. Wheeler, your email responses assure the general public that are all "for" net neutrality, YET you are siding with BIG BUSINESS and ready to curtail our activities on the internet unless we are forced to pay bigger fees for surfing in the "fast lane" along with the "big boys." You are SUPPOSED to be part of an agency that works on BEHALF of the people rather than being beholden to the corporate paymasters. Make no mistake. WE, THE PEOPLE are no fools. We are not stupid. And we WILL NOT take this laying down and let big corporations walk all over us. Corporations are going to push people over the edge with their greed. When people start showing how they feel with their pocket books and largely abandon the internet, that's the only "speech" the fat cats understand. MONEY.

—Cheryl Liniman, Parma, OH

We need a free press with net neutrality. Tim Wheeler is Comcast, Verizon and AT&T. He is in bed with these 3 and again you are going to screw the people and let the corporations control our lives all for the power and all mighty dollar. How can we be a democratic nation when Corporations run the world and all they care about is money not people. It just sickens me to see this happen over and over and over again.

—Kathy O'Brien, Redway, CA

WE should not allow corporations once again, to control the American People. They have done so with Citizens United and the McClutchen ruling, now they are trying to demise our use of the internet. Where are our freedoms?

—Angela Smith, Deerfield Beach, FL

Net neutrality makes higher education possible. The free and open internet enables teachers and students to do the research required for academic purposes. Net neutrality makes new businesses possible. Net neutrality makes better citizenship possible. We need one, single, equal internet for all.

—William Cline, Strongsville, OH

the internet is as important as roads, power, gas & phone. Companies should not be allowed to monopolize it.

—Steven Lindsay, Atlanta, GA

Our democracy depends upon free speech. Making more speech available to those who have more money does not benefit democracy, it undermines it.

—Marcella Guerriero, Vashon, WA

It's just plain wrong. What more is there to say.

—Ron Deutsch, Austin, TX

I watched Mr. Powell give away the store when he was the head of the FCC under George W. Bush -- and now I have learned you, Mr. Obama, appointed a lobbyist for the cable companies to head the FCC. That's un-American and vile. Keep the internet open to all and free. The public paid for it and the public should reap the benefit. A two-track system diminished competition and discourages beginning businesses. Keep it fair and equal. Thank you, Dolores Welty

—Dolores Welty, Encinitas, CA

Net neutrality should be important to everyone if they truly understood what it meant. This is just another way that we would get shafted by the cable companies. The free internet levels the playing field for everyone, whether you are a small company or a big corporation. The cable companies already have a monopoly on most of our entertainment choices and the internet is not controlled by them and should never be. The FCC should not be for sale to the cable companies and should be looking out for the average person.

—Sharon Brown, Kingsport, TN



Net Neutrality is NOT the best for the public. What would be better would be to have NET SECURITY. People have been scammed, and LOTS of money has been lost due to people hacking on the computer, and lying. There is NO police for the computer. THIS should be the focus, not a Neutrality program that is not needed.

—Janella Spears, Foster, OR

Net Neutrality has allowed American companies to dominate in the form of technology and innovation. Without net neutrality companies like Google and Amazon, two of the largest technology companies in the world, would not exist. The proposed changes will not only inhibit technological innovation, but it will hamper consumer experiences.

—Nicholas Ryhajlo, Bozeman, MT

Not just important to me but to all of us here in the GREAT U.S. of A., we need competition, we need low cost internet, without taxes to use the internet. Net Neutrality will give us this.

—David Claypool, anaheim, CA

"Net neutrality" is nothing more (and nothing LESS) than allowing everyone an equal chance to effectively use this tool to access the world. It was created by government and academia for that purpose NOW to ALTER that purpose would be like destroying a national park.

—David W. Hardy Esq., Lawrence, KS

We can all see what a blatant cash grab and power play this is to suppress innovation from prospective start-ups and allow comast and verizon to shake down internet companies the cost of which will be deflected upon the end user. Tom Wheeler even being appointed as FCC chairman is a sad farce, and the very definition of a conflict of interests. Mess with the population's internet service (which is in reality a public utility) and less reasonable people among them will resort to violence to restore it.

—Christopher Yustin, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is an essential for the common folk. We need to be able to have decent access to the internet without being charged more (by all those big business monopolies that a democracy is NOT supposed to have). This is a HUGE throwback. Why are the average people going to be subjected to the equivalent of DSL (all over again) just because big corporations want the fast lane for themselves - when they already reap huge tax breaks (WAY more than the average citizen) - and so get special treatment. And that leaves us, as the majority, with no voice and no way to oppose constantly increasing rates? I thought the FCC was supposed to protect the people? Not do the bidding of whoever wags the most money in their face?

—Jennifer Toth, Santa Clarita, CA

Net Neutrality IS the level playing field in the realm of 'Free Speech'. I cannot afford the fast lane as proposed by the FCC, as is the case for most citizens and start-ups. Why should a behemoth company with vast profits, be allowed to pay a little more and be able to run monopolistic over me and everyone else?

—DC Leslie-Pringle, Santa Monica, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers - stop the grand sell out to corrupt corporate interests. don't look to your chairman for guidance as he's obviously been co-opted.

—J Froiland, Rohnert Park, CA

This is all about money and control!!! Enough already!!!!

—B Home, Boonsboro, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone deserves equal treatment and access to the Internet. If approved, the proposed new FCC rules would allow widespread discrimination online all in the name of profits for major Internet service providers, of which your chairman Tom Wheeler was a Lobbyist multiple years. This is a major conflict of interest. In my opinion chairman Wheeler should remove himself along with his proposed rules. Internet Services Providers should be classified as common carriers.

—Terrie Routh, Sutherlin, OR

Please support Net Neutrality! American Internet is slow enough! We do not need fast lanes and slow lanes!

—Louis, Ham Lake, MN

With media conglomerates controlling broadcasting, the internet is the only open public forum with an even playing field. Comcast's obscene slowdown of citizens' Netflix downloads during its attempt to negotiate new terms with Netflix is a prime example of what happens when you give media oligopolies more power.

—Barbara Hicks, Sarasota, FL

Creating an "Internet Fast lane" will only give the cable companies the go head to protect their monopolies by slowing the traffic of competing video services and will further damage competition and innovation in any space that required fast traffic flow. This has the potential to stifle innovation and damage the world economy as well as the advancement of information sharing as a whole.

—Kelly Birr, Redmond, WA

If the internet becomes 'pay to play', like most everything in this world, a lot of people young and old will miss out on a lot. Myself, I would stop using the net altogether if it comes down to this. Thank you...

—Lori Savolainen, Benton, IL

The Internet should not be divided into the Haves and Have Nots, like so much of this country is. Do not make it a place of division in this country.

—Judi Kaminski, la grange park, IL

Maintain the equality of the people's voice.

—Rhonda J. Greenhaw, Baltimore, MD

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Justine King, New York, NY

I cannot afford two tiers.

—Jack Allgaier, Stevens Point, WI

I need a way to start dangerous revolutions.

—Rob, springdale, AR

Get rid of your rules.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sy Perlis, surprise, AZ

Net neutrality is basic fairness and a source of economic growth.

—Craig Risinger, Montclair, NJ

The internet is too important to democracy to allow it to be controlled by corporations for profit.

—Alicia Kern, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

please protect an open and free internet. I have a small podcast that is informative and educational about art, music and historic legends. my network would be greatly hurt by this. don't kill the art and progress of thousands of people

—Matthew Dwyer, Glendale, CA



At 81 I love being able to look up data I once was able to get from a library when I was able to walk there. I have written to the FCC many times regarding this "Net Neutrality thing". Rank and file Americans have found these past few years - and especially with today's Do Nothing Congress - their rights, their freedoms and their economy being watered down, destroyed, or in some way corrupted.. Please do not allow cable companies and others who provide I-net access to remain out of the designation as common carriers. This allows all, people like me and corporations like Comcast to use the web equally. This means that an ISP that becomes a common carrier cannot establish levels of service with charges commensurate with each level. This means my data might be affordable at my local library's web site, but to use the NYC public library via its web site would cost a huge monthly fee. PLEASE Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Shirley Sharan, Fort Wayne, IN

The Internet is too important to hundreds of millions of people around the world to "sell" its use to only the richest people. I make my living writing and editing, and I cannot afford to pay for a fancy package that will provide access to the sources and sites I need. This move will also allow the rich to kill off any sites that offer content (alternative points of view, information about what is happening) that doesn't agree with their politics. It will be the death of journalism, and this a free and democratic society.

—Amy Henry, Northampton, MA

We already have worse service speeds than dozens of lesser countries and WHEELER is going to make it worse for the majority of us. ISP's ARE COMMON CARRIERS !!!! Do not destroy net neutrality !!!!

—Steven Yerow, Jersey City, NJ

Net Neutrality helps to keep a level playing field on the Internet. It helps to keep prices down, as gate-keepers are not allowed to exploit large companies at the expense of small start-ups. I look forward to starting my own company with the same unrestricted access to people as YouTube had when it started.

—David Paul, Turlock, CA

The opposite of true Net Neutrality is the equivalent to allowing and putting into law that the landlord of a Store-complex has the right to charge the stores in his building for having inventory and for how much inventory they have in their store. Frankly, I prefer the Mafia proper to run the internet than any of the crooks controlling the pipes at this time.

—Mr. Christoph Ruegg, Studio City, CA

Reclassify ISPs as a common carrier!

—Allison Westbrook, Milwaukee, WI

I don't want corporations dictating what I see and what I don't. Please protect consumer rights and STOP catering to corporate interests. I have received automated emails from Tom Wheeler that he supports an open and free internet, but his proposals plan to do just the opposite!

—Lynna Dhanani, New Haven, CT

Net Neutrality allows me the freedom to NOT be directed to garbage sites with controlled media, where I can stay informed. Once Net Neutrality is gone, I'm ditching the Internet, I'm ditching my Cell phone, and I'm ditching Cable service completely!! Have fun controlling the mindless masses... I'll just have more money to spend on firearms at that point.

—Christian Jedlowski, Goodrich, MI

Because Comcast has enough money.

—Sid Santiano, Seatac, WA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jerry Bloomer, Hot Springs, SD

It is crucial that information remain freely available and accessible, without the influence of corporate decision and promotion. To limit access to information available to the public via the internet is tantamount to the limits placed on information available to the public in countries like China. Please support true neutrality of internet information - there is no room for 'tiers' or levels of access.

—Susan Vine, Solana Beach, CA

We need Net Neutrality as our last option of free speech. Since newspaper and TV news is already owned by corporations. Please save net neutrality.

—Shirley Hope, Bessemer, AL

Because it is and you know it! Stop the money games and give us our level playing field back!

—Lara Dale, Corrales, NM

We all need equal access to the Internet, not an "improved", faster Internet for those with deeper pockets. That just opens the door to big players extorting rigged fees from the rest of us or penalizing those who can't or won't pay the fees for faster Internet connections.

—Janet Blank, Cedarburg, WI

The Internet belongs to ALL OF US and should be regulated as a common carrier, NOT given away to corporations that are already HUGE and WEALTHY with the existing level-playing-field system.

—Pat Carlson, Ithaca, NY

Americans, who developed the internet, already pay more for less than most other industrial nations. Shame on you. I cannot even apply for a job unless I have internet. Do you remember anti-trust laws and what they're for? I cancelled my Comcast because it keeps charging more for giving less quality while giving more quantity. Tom Wheeler does not have American's need for information at heart. He is only interested in more for himself and his friends.

—Amber Joy, Seattle, WA

I REALLY CAN'T believe that I am having to write comments to a federal entity that is SUPPOSED to be looking out for the public....but ISN'T. Your proposal to steal a free and open Internet from the people just to turn it over to the unbelievably greedy telecom's is PREPOSTEROUS. We ALREADY pay those money sucking telecom's for a so called high speed Internet connection!!! So now we're supposed to PAY THEM TWICE for the SAME THING????!! The Internet belongs to EVERYONE and 2 people on a commission and 1 Chairman...that's 3 TOTAL, as opposed to MILLIONS of people...should not have the ability to steal something as important as the Internet in order to fill the pockets of the monopolistic telecoms'. What is becoming of America when the people are being deprived of just about everything in favor of profits for the corporations??? This proposed theft of the Internet has got to be the last straw...

—Rita Larkin, Addison, IL

Net neutrality would prevent an ever-growing accumulation of power to the already massive telecom companies, and it would help to ensure that smaller ISP's have a chance to compete. If net neutrality were done away with, smaller providers could easily be squeezed out and we would end up with a dramatically unequal playing field. Net neutrality also helps to ensure that certain types of data aren't selectively slowed down or made more expensive in order to keep their current connection speeds.

—Trevor Tank, Concord, CA

The internet was first built by the US government (military) at taxpayer expense. This valuable asset should be considered a public utility and available to all equally.

—Susan Saxe, Philadelphia, PA

FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sue Krill, Anoka, MN



We can't let the super wealthy control what we see and here.

—Steven Hibshman, Foster City, CA

As Thomas Jefferson said, "Information is the currency of democracy." We cannot have a functioning democratic republic without the free, unrestricted flow of information amongst the populace. By creating a tiered system you are effectively eliminating the flow of ideas because not everyone will be able to afford to pay whatever rates are imposed on them for better download speeds.

—Judith Ward, Lawrence, KS

the impact on e-commerce could plunge the economy into a downspin and cause crashes, all internet is also a form of communications and should remain regulated as a communications providers, also to avoid monopolies, and help service which right now is low value for the money already provided.

—Leonard Greene, Bluefield, WV

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Thanks for supporting net neutrality... by redefining it to be net-NOT-neutrality. Very clever! No two tiered internet!! This benefits only the cable companies. Ah, but isn't that who you really work for, Mr Chairman, lobbyist? Do what is right: reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Peter Reynolds, Durham, NC

FCC, please to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—J Scott Clarke, Ann Arbor, MI

I believe that allowing companies to pay for faster service would likely lead to slower access for all of us. With finite bandwidth, how can you give someone higher speed unless you are giving someone else a slower speed? The only ones who would benefit would be the ISPs. Even the potential clients of this fast lane service are against it.

—Peter Roche, Santa Fe, NM

I've seen how important internet research is to education today--my daughter used it 20 years ago in college. Now my grandson is using it in the 6th grade. The internet is an essential utility and should be treated as such.

—Sandra Smith, Seattle, WA

The problem with net "bias", the opposite of neutrality, is that it is patently and basically unfair to the vast majority of Internet users. The ultimate result, based on hundreds of years of history, is that, given an unfair advantage, the "elites" will take full advantage. Don't let them destroy what has become nearly the only opportunity that we the PEOPLE have to confront our growing inequality between the rich and the disadvantaged.

—Nelson L Johnson, Guerneville, CA

I don't trust Comcast, AT&T or any of the other huge corporations that are trying to make money on internet consumers. It belongs to the people - and it needs to stay that way!

—Stirling Davenport, Poughkeepsie, NY

Why is Net Neutrality important to me? Well, basically because the internet should NEVER be bought out by fucking stupid corporations who want to screw over small startup companies. That right there is the beautiful thing about the internet. Anyone can set up shop and sell whatever the fuck they want. Corporations like Verizon and Comcast should NEVER be allowed to dominate the competition on the internet. Keep the internet free you sons of bitches.

—Ronald Mecrob, East Peoria, IL

Please do not destroy the internet. It is horrifying to have so blazently re-affirmed how much power corporate lobbyists have. This is in no way in the public interest, and will do massive harm. Please protect net neutrality.

—Jesse Perrell, Seattle, WA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kimberly Denich, Stanton, CA

Dear FCC... Work for the greater good of the people... profits to the few companies will still happen (although not as exorbitant), while our democracy of information with a U.S. of A. "NET NEUTRALITY" will shine! Please...Do the greater Good!!

—John Doyle, Long Beach, CA

I do business with many small businesses at their web sites. Please don't let large telcos slow Internet speed for companies like these and put them at a disadvantage. They can't afford the fees larger companies can pay for faster Internet speeds.

—Mason Deaver, Allen, TX

Protect Net Neutrality! The amount of exploitation and monopolies that could come of this is just mind-boggling. Protect the free and open internet!

—Jared Rhinehart, Eagan, MN

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has an outrageous plan to help Verizon kill net neutrality. I want Chairman Tom Wheeler to put a stop to it and save net neutrality by reclassifying broad internet access as a telecommunications service.

—Guillermina Aguirre, Westminster, CO

Accessibility to the Net shouldn't be based on how much money one has.

—Ronald S Katz, Huntington Woods, MI

FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Corporate America does not have to control the internet. The internet is free in other countries. Why does the corporations have to steal money out of our pockets. Stop them NOW.

—Sue Krill, Anoka, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because people shouldn't be unable to access vital information about the world around them because they can't pay for a specific site or usage type.

—Lauren Goodwillie, Omaha, NE

ISPs don't own the internet and the internet should NEVER go to the highest bidder. Keep Net Neutrality and let the internet continue to develop as it always has - may the most creative and innovative among us win! NOT those with the most money or power.

—Marie Carianna, West Palm Beach, FL

The internet, at its core, is a database of information that should not be controlled or owned by large companies but free and unlimited for all to access. Please do what a good government should do and don't let giant corporations control the web. This one is a no-brainer.

—Brian Crowley-Koch, Philadelphia, PA

I find it utterly ludicrous that this is even a topic of conversation. The Internet is the only level playing field that truly exists on the planet. To take away the opportunities in poor and rural areas or to give more power to large corporations who already have such an advantage over start up or small companies is down right unamerican.

—Dan Zisson, New York, NY

I already pay too much for Internet access, this would make it fairer.

—Michael J Menzie, Belmont, MA



Please don't send me another form reply claiming that you value the open internet while pushing a proposal that in fact destroys it. Enough doublespeak. Reclassify the internet as a utility to protect the most incredible information resource in the history of the world.

—Susan Goldstine, California, MD

Dear FCC, Please protect REAL Net Neutrality. People need and deserve to have equal access to the Internet, especially in this technological era the world is going through. Internet has never been supposed to be a privilege for those who can pay for it. I hold high hopes that you will do what's best for the people in your country and around the whole world (because unfortunately, decisions taken in the US will always affect other countries, most especially in the telecommunications area). Best regards.

—Daniela Honorato, Santiago,

Because the proposed changes would screw everyone but the cable companies.

—Richard A Steckbauer, Nekoosa, WI

How did the FCC change from having the interest of the people as their top priority to having Comcast as their top priority? Please tell the people how this plan is going to make the internet better for us. How is handing the internet over to the most hated monopoly in America, benefit the American people? And this absurd ruling under a Democratic president. The people don't govern this country any longer. It's a country governed by money. It's money that matters in the USA.

—Scott Carroll, Seattle, WA

I support real net neutrality, please do not allow a two-tiered Internet.

—Constance Moll, Bloomington, IL

Net Neutrality is vital for a democratic internet, for democracy and one of our last bastions of equality. With Citizens United, money has bought free speech, our elections, and most of the media. The internet is the last free range for creatives, people, children, etc. Do your job and stop selling off the internet, the PUBLICLY OWNED AIRWAVES. Or resign.

—Judy Schriebman, San Rafael, CA

The net is the critical infrastructure of the 21st Century. It must remain open for all users and not become a property of a few telecom companies.

—Philip Davis, Marfa, TX

Net Neutrality is possibly the most important political issue of this generation. It is an issue that will shape the future of the Internet. Since I've been alive, the most important innovations have stemmed from the Internet. It is perhaps the only playing field in existence that invites pure competition. If we take away the Internet's net neutrality, we take away this, its most incredible property. I have never heard a rational argument opposing net neutrality. The FCC has said they want net neutrality, but the new plan doesn't show it. I and many others will not settle for anything less than true net neutrality. No fast lanes. Make broadband Internet a common carrier.

—Mark Elders, Seattle, WA

Something in life has to be kept from the greedy clutches of corporate America. Net neutrality is that thing. Please do not turn your backs on the rest of the world and allow companies like Verizon and Comcast (et al) to rule the internet. The internet belongs to equally to everyone and should be protected from special interests.

—Aida J Sheets, St. Petersburg, FL

Stop giving in to the cable companies, we need more choice of ISP providers not a fast and slow lane that lets these ISP's right their own ticket. Your proposal will only make things worse!!! Doing nothing will be better than anything you have proposed so far. This is criminal as far as I'm concerned.

—Donald J. Rhoads, Gilbert, AZ

Here is what is important to me. It is of utmost importance that Agency officials and chairpersons represent the will of THE PEOPLE - Not Giant Media corporations. Tom Wheeler has apparently forgotten whom he works for and is attempting to sell OUR internet to the highest bidder. This comes as no surprise as Wheeler was a Media Lobbyist prior to attaining his chairperson post. Mr Wheeler's position is nothing more than blatant pandering to Big Business. It is a slap in the face and an affront to all Americans. I demand that ISP's be classified as Common Carriers, and remember whom they work for.

—Marc Page, Norwich, CT

to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be treated as any other public utility, i.e., common carrier. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Kathleen Bovello, Chevy Chase, MD

Preserving net neutrality is one of the most important issues in this decade. I will vote against (directly or indirectly if necessary, depending on the official in question) anyone taking action to challenge the neutrality of the internet. In the last couple decades we have enjoyed a historically brief period of free internet. I have always suspected that sooner or later the Corporate State would find a way to steal this away from us. I see no legitimate reason for Tom Wheeler or anyone else to push for this new legislation. It only serves to benefit the Corporate state at the expense of the people. Maybe in Washington that makes it a legitimate option to be considered but that's not human decency. Grow up. How much are the lobbyists REALLY paying? How much have you actually made, personally, from this? You guys in D.C. are selling us out for so little that it's pathetic. If you're going to be whores then you could at least do it with a bit more self-respect and charge what you're worth.

—JD Hogg, Covington, GA

What could be more anti-democratic than undermining net neutrality?

—John Sodrel, New Albany, IN

If net neutrality is not preserved, we will never get the next Apple, Amazon, Google, etc.

—Ron Frank, Cambridge, MA

Keep the net free and open. Please don't cave to the cable companies so they can be greedy.

—Kathryn Elizabeth Minor, Arlington, TX

For God's Sake, just once, do what the people of the United States want and not what the corporations buy. New Neutrality.

—Melora Davis, Newark, DE

Is there any government agency left that makes decisions that serve the best interest of the people of the United States instead of the companies with the most money? You can be that agency. You can make history. Rewrite your rules to make sure Americans are protected from these monopolistic companies and reclassify ISP as a common carrier. Make sure everyone has a fair chance at unrestricted internet access.

—Alex Thompson, San Francisco, CA

Why ruin another 'good thing' ?? Please do not allow this to happen.

—Stephanie Ulrich, Ben Lomond, CA

The FCC knows why Net Neutrality is important to everyone. The FCC just wants to make a few lousy corporations more important. This is egregious! The Internet has been "open" since its inception, and that is where it must remain! Both little people and big corporations must have the same rights on and access to the Internet. Anything less is undemocratic and just plain wrong. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers - which, in fact, they are! THAT is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality!

—Patricia Amazorso, Cortlandt Manor, NY



Net Neutrality is hugely important to free speech and fair competition. Don't let the big corporations run out the little sites. they already dominate on google searches. We need to keep everyone's speed the same. The internet should be part of the commons. Please leave it alone. Net Neutrality is critical to everyone. The head of the FCC should be fired for even considering it. We the people developed the internet. Not comcast. They are just trying to take it over. Its disgusting. There is no real free market competition as it is with access. Time Warner & Comcast should be blocked from merging as well. All these companies already have "carved out" their little territories. Now we have to give up net neutrality as well.. ? I don't think so ... Tell Tom Wheeler that the real silent majority is watching him very closely and we are not happy

—Derik, Smithfield, UT

The internet is one of the most amazing of human inventions. It allows connection, education, and human empowerment. To allow the internet to be carved up into slow and fast lanes for the profit of the greedy would be an unimaginable crime. Please don't allow this. Preserve Net Neutrality.

—Jesse Campbell, Wellford, SC

we need Net Neutrality in order to keep a level playing field among all voices, to prevent large providers from cutting deals that benefit certain parties to the detriment of others, and putting a price on speech transmitted over the internet. Once they get this advantage, they will never give it up. And democracy is the worse for it.

—Brian Schill, Spring Branch, TX

We must not let corporate monopolies control public communications systems. That way lies plutocracy.

—Lorna the internet open. This is not Holmes, Hillsdale, MI

This can't happen. It gives very powerful corporations even more power and control over what information gets presented to the public first. The potential - and undeniable temptation - of these companies like Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, etc., to provide first only information favorable to them is frightening real. Independent voices are left to go begging. DON'T DO THIS!

—Joel Applegate, Spanish Fork, UT

Must everything be controlled by corporations? Must we be denied the freedom of an open web? Must everything we see and hear have a corporate mediated message in it? Why must we be denied these freedoms? Profit driven thinking is ruining everything as it is.

—Michael Toth, Fort Pierce, FL

Doing away with net neutrality will result in higher prices and lower service as a result of creating unregulated monopolies.

—Wayne Burmeister, Waunakee, WI

Radio, television and even newspapers have been ruined by putting them at the mercy of commercial interests. Keep the internet neutral and available to all at the same rate.

—David Stump, Jersey City, NJ

Do Not \$ell My Airwaves for greedy corrupt Biz to let me access @ 156 kbps !!! Not for the High Speed I'm paying Now !

—Maureen Roche, Petrolia, CA

Anytime you make a fastlane, you relegate all others to the slowlane. Internet speeds are inherently limited. I am an FCC intern and I am appalled at what is happening and the agency I must now speak for.

—Elana Reman, Fairfax, VA

The freedom to use the Internet should be given to the people, NOT government and private businesses. The Internet should be a public item to use.

—Andrew Baron, Detroit, MI

Mostly, I don't use the internet for entertainment, but I rely on it for information, research and communication. In other words, for me it is a tool that I use daily to improve my life in many different ways. I pay to use this tool in this way, with money I have worked for and earned, choosing to go without some things that others spend on, because internet access is that important and essential to me and to my chosen lifestyle. Without the strongest and most unbiased net neutrality, this essential access becomes slow, difficult and frustrating to use, and access to some information might even become inaccessible, crowded out by entertainment and fluff I care nothing about. This is not the fair and equal access internet I want and am paying for, at all. It is the same thing as if basic telephone service had become available only to companies with deep pockets and people with large bank accounts, where access was granted for payment, while small businesses or those of more modest means had to make do with an overcrowded shared party line. Can you imagine such a world? Phone conversations a luxury only the rich could afford, and forever out of reach and unusable by everyone else? Bandwidth isn't infinite, and paid premium access will pretty much guarantee that some services -- the same services I want and am willing to pay for -- will be crowded out by entertainment and advertising content that I don't want or need to see. And more than likely, NO ISP WILL CARE, because as a customer they know that my interests are eclectic, unique, and not mainstream enough to "matter" to a company where the primary motive is profit. As an individual, my single account and access needs are important, and I need the FCC and government to ensure that fair access remains possible in a world where large corporations are the providers. Thank you for helping to ensure the internet access I want, need, and am currently paying for, remains possible, by setting and enforcing, strong net neutrality rules.

—Caroline Lunsford, Rohnert Park, CA

The internet is the last bastion of freedom and equality, the idea that ones who can afford would have better access and faster speeds than ones who don't is absolutely disgusting. The internet has done so much for the world so why would you all choose to ruin it with lining your selfish pockets with more cash? Why try and fix something that isn't broken? How about for once in your miserable lives think about others who aren't rich instead of yourselves; isn't what that what your elected to do? Oh I forgot, this is Washington.

—Sandon Helm, Woodway, TX

If Net Neutrality loses to a two-tiered solution you will show the world once more that this country is ran by rampant shameless hypocrites and, once more, it will be the rest of us who will pay.

—Capucine, New York, NY

It is one thing to be denied a choice of cable provider because of a lack of competition. It is bad enough pay more for slower internet access than most other countries. But it is unconscionable to tell ISPs that they can continue to do these things while vastly reducing the likelihood that consumers will be able to access any Web service they choose when they choose. If certain services are throttled to unusability- which it surely they will be if companies chose not to pay the ISP, otherwise why would ISPs care about getting this law passed? - consumers will be getting even less for their money than they are now. As it is, Internet access rates charged by cable companies are astronomical if you want the fastest levels of service available. How is this country supposed to keep pace with the rest of the world if we restrict unfettered access to information and technology only to those consumers who can afford it, and only those companies who can afford to get in front of those high paying customers? I cannot fathom how anyone could possibly think this is a good idea. Cable companies can only line their pockets this way for so long before the economy collapses. It will not be the sole fault of cable companies, but why let them become even bigger problems if we can so easily avoid it? Just say no to the lobbyists. Don't worry, they'll find something else to lobby for fast enough.

—Romy Vreeland, HAWTHORNE, NJ

Keep net neutrality .

—Carol Reinhardt, Gastonia, NC

Internet access is a modern day necessity. Information is power and your proposed legislation would put the "power of information" in the sole hands of ISPs, which already hold unhinged monopolies over the areas in which they serve. Studies have shown that milliseconds can determine whether or not a visitor will remain on a website, by putting this control in the hands of ISPs, you are granting them the unilateral ability to pick winners & losers in our modern day marketplace. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect the Freedom of Information for the citizens of the United States!

—Matthew Whelan, Middleport, NY



FCC don't ruin our country!  
—Jesse Harris, Seattle, WA

FCC, stop it already! You are going to fucking destroy the rules that are in place to protect the rights and privileges of the population regarding the internet. And Tom Wheeler, you gutless fucking piss-stain, go fuck yourself you two-timing cunt! We are not going to let you assholes fuck up our internet, and we are never going to trust a god damn thing you fucking say because we all know better. FUCK YOU FCC, GET YOUR GRIMY, SHIT SMEARED CLAWS AWAY FROM THE INTERNET, YOU WILL NEVER REGULATE IT AND WE WILL NEVER LET YOU!!! OR ARE YOU SO FUCKING INBRED AND RETARDED THAT YOU THINK THE CONCEPT OF "DON'T TOUCH" AND "NO" DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU!!! FUCK YOU!!!  
—Austin Ross, Sherwood Park,

The internet belongs to everyone. Allowing a corporate hijacking = screwing the American public. Don't do it. Reclassify. Go nuclear. You're in public service. Serve the public. The issue here is simply corporate greed. Comcast, Verizon, etc. want to profit not just from the infrastructure they control, but by selling us something we already own. It's wrong. It's fucked. Nobody's saying corporations shouldn't make a profit from the infrastructure they've created or the services they provide, but the web wasn't created by them, and there's no reason why they should get to cut it up into little pieces for their own gain. The web works beautifully as it is, and I'm counting on our government to protect our interests as consumers, by preventing corporations from controlling access to one kind of web content over another. Government protection of net neutrality will not prevent anyone from switching ISPs at will, and providers will still operate in a free-market, where better/faster service makes them more money. Bottom line: Whether my email gets through or my website gets visited should be about whether they've got any merit, not about whether I pay my ISP extra on top of my monthly access fee.  
—Jean Miele, Brooklyn, NY

It's bad enough that there are a limited number of ISPs. It is bad enough that they are effectively a monopoly unrestrained by law. It is bad enough that it is already tough enough to get your business into the search results. But to give them the power to shift business to the highest bidder or charge extra fees for what we already pay is unjust and suspect. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.  
—Patti Flowers-Coulson, Baltimore, MD

Chairman Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Support of Net Neutrality is vital so as not to discriminate by making some service faster or slower for others, by deciding which content or applications are preferable, or who pays a higher premium based on these issues. I do not support the rules you have proposed. Keep the Net open and free for all. Edie Hanahan  
—Edie Hanahan, Castle Rock, CO

I'd rather not be stuck in the internet mud-and-horse carriage lane.  
—Chris Brace, Acton, MA

Keep Net Neutrality! The Internet is for the people, not to be in the hands of the greedy controllers.  
—Jeff Mauney, Lincolnton, NC

I demand my internet privacy and to not be blocked from information.  
—Julie Smith, Los Osos, CA

Why is net Neutrality important to me? Here a thought Level playing field. The Corporation do not need there hands that deep into this country and keeping the internet neutral will ensure this for generations to come  
—Samuel L. Hall, Memphis, TN

Please keep the internet a fair place for all of us rather than giving free reign the profit making monopolies. The job of the FCC is to protect the public not the big corporations!!!  
—Ruth Reffkin, New York, NY

The Internet should be a democratic, open and free entity. Net neutrality is the only path to that end.

—Nancy Kosnar Hartman, Louisville, CO

The internet should belong to everyone not just a chosen few.

—Bernadine Turner, Newberry, FL

We need to keep the internet equally accessible. Please do not give internet service providers the ability to determine who gets the fast lane. There is no reason to allow this to happen. Protect equal access to the internet. We the public are counting on you to protect our access.

—Marge Heggison, Lincoln, RI

I would like to see the people be heard -- which I don't feel happens very often. Please listen: we want net neutrality to continue, and reclassify ISP's as common carriers!

—Gayle Coates, Cogan Station, PA

The Internet has become so much a part of the lives of most Americans that it is easy to imagine that it will always remain the free and open medium it is now. We'd like to believe it will remain a place where you can always access any lawful content you want, and where the folks delivering that content can't play favorites because they disagree with the message being delivered or want to charge more money for faster delivery. Profits and corporate disfavor of controversial viewpoints or competing services could change both what I can see on the Internet and the quality of my connection. And the need to monitor what I do online in order to play favorites means even more consumer privacy invasions piled on top of the NSA's prying eyes. Don't let it happen.

—Geoffrey Horn, Ardmore, OK

WerThe Internet must be regulated as a utility since 96% of all people are only served by two internet providers, leaving us without a decent choice and at the mercy of mo monopolistic companies.

—Alex A. Bobroff, Homer Glen, IL

I strongly urge you to prevent Comcast, Verizon, or any other Internet providers from altering the free and open flow of data on the Internet. Do not allow these companies to create a two-tiered structure with special "fast lanes" for broadcasters who pay higher fees. The telecoms already have far too much power and hold a monopoly on the services they provide. The FCC must preserve an open Internet that allows everyone to compete equally. I do not want the websites I visit to be forced into a slow lane because they're not big enough to pay a stiff premium. I don't want Comcast to decide what I enjoy or to dictate my Internet experience. If it does, the Internet will cater to the lowest common denominator -- just like daytime TV. We will enter a new dark age, where the rich can buy the best experiences while the rest of us are forced to swallow the dregs. Please don't let these companies destroy the best thing that has happened in a long, long time: the free and open forum for exchange of information that is the Internet we have today. To prevent this, the FCC should reclassify the telecoms as common carriers so they would be subject to strict regulations. Please show the American people (and all users of the Internet) that the U.S. is still a democracy, not a plutocracy.

—Lisa A. Ridolfi, River Forest, IL

This is just another money grab by the internet providers. Current Internet providers enjoy monopolies or Duopolies in every city and thus enjoy tremendous profit margins. Coax(Tv Cable) and Copper(Telephone Wire) was installed decades ago and the cost to install ISP cable was recovered decades ago. The US ranks 31st in the world in Internet speed while paying the most. It is cheap and getting cheaper every day for providers to increase Internet speeds for everyone. Computers that are used by the ISP's are getting cheaper and faster everyday and it is very easy(Plug and Play) to add more computers to the ISP's servers room. Why open a can of worms by charging for fast lanes on the internet when the FCC does not have the tools or manpower to properly regulate the ISP's. We need to make all ISP's common carriers and regulate them like we did in the early decades of the telephone industry. The Internet is the encyclopedia of innovation and learning today and must be provided free to those that are unable to afford the outrageous prices that the current ISP's charge. I would even propose that that government, local, state or national declare Eminent Domain on all ISP's in the national interest. With public ownership of the entire Internet-- when any new innovation occurs that is popular with the public, then the government/public will build the infrastructure to support it. It will be cheaper and more productive. Sincerely, Rick Severns

—Rick Severns, Long Beach, CA



Allowing monopolistic internet service providers does not foster competition. The internet is now one of the most important media for communication, business and other kinds of human activity and interaction. Creating a tiered internet that can be throttled at will by internet providers will kill off any kind of innovation that uses this medium. As it is, we lag behind a very large number of countries of the world when it comes to the quality and speed of our internet services. Killing off net neutrality will simply make it worse.

—Rajan Karunakaran, city, CT

The Internet is like a public utility. Every user deserves the best service, not just wealthy ones.

—Camille Gilbert, Santa Barbara, CA

stop corporate takeover of the internet and allow the public equal access to all of the internet that our constitution allows, freedom of choice!!!

—Cynthia Caceres Curtis, Garland, TX

Net Neutrality keeps the internet democratic!

—Christopher Tuch, new braunfels, TX

Because I dont feel that something which people need on a very basic level for every aspect of their lives (hello, the Internet) should be allowed to be squeezed and used and held hostage for whatever amount of money someone who already has too much money deems appropriate.

—Pamela Thalner, Cincinnati, OH

Net Neutrality is important to all of us, because it is the final struggle that will determine what this country is about. Will we be a nation of people who care about people, or will the current US leadership go down in history as sell-outs to a small group of men who already control and dominate almost every aspect of our lives. Does the FCC not really know this when just about everyone I speak to is beyond outrage at it's currently stated intentions? What kind of world do you want your children to live in?

—Tom Pickens, Danville, CA

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Carlos Alén, Allentown, PA

Net Neutrality enables open communication! Deny communication companies monopoly! FCC director, recuse yourself- a lobbyist becomes the director of FCC? Shame! C'mon, now, don't be unethical! Do good!!

—Andrea Fuhrman, Abilene, KS

Net neutrality made the internet the amazing tool it is now. Why the frick would you want to frick with that? Hands off my net neutrality!!!

—David Korman, New York, NY

Creating a two tier internet is one of the most dangerous policies and is a threat to free speech and liberty. It violates the very thing our country was founded on... fairness. Tell Comcast and TWC to go take a flying leap.

—John Cushman, Wauconda, IL

I do not have cable TV or a car, but I do have a computer and internet. It keeps me in touch with the world and my friends. I enjoy watching You Tube and Netflix.

—Barbara Bailly, Madison, WI

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Kevin Moore, Berkeley, CA

Net neutrality is the last savior of American capitalism. Without strong net neutrality provisions and meaningful regulation of internet providers to ensure a level playing field for all American companies, the innovation and competitive opportunity that has enabled American companies to enrich the country will be lost. Break up the cable companies, and ensure net neutrality.

—Leigh Smith, New York, NY

The importance of net neutrality is that it guarantees equal access to the internet for all. The changes proposed by the FCC will inhibit free speech and limit information everyone needs to make informed decisions regarding life decisions. The changes will give too much control of the information we get about world affairs to the internet companies. Net Neutrality must be preserved.

—Sheila Cook, portland, OR

While listening to "Brunch With Bernie" the Senator asked the question, how do you view the Comcast, Time Warner or AT&T, Direct TV merger, and to vote on this question, which I did. It seems that no matter how many times the American People tell "our" Government that we like and want to keep Net-Neutrality alive and well corporations and some of the folks on the hill manage to resurrect the issue as SOPA or some other doppelganger with the intended purpose of censorship and higher cost. The extant of the instability generated by these coming behemoth bore fruit in that Netflix's saw a 14% reduction in its service and was extorted into paying for a stable and smooth data stream through Comcast's last mile connection. I can remember stories of the Mafia saying you wouldn't want your business disrupted, this is called a "Protection Racket" and rose it to the level of law enforcement involvement. It seems that Verizon will get its pound of flesh in the next few weeks, the outcome of Netflix's cave-in will be higher prices and less information available to the consumer. Regarding Net-Neutrality and the position of the FCC (Tom Wheeler), Chairman, and a former lobbyist for the industry he regulates) being run as a captured department for the industries it is supposed to regulate, all one has to do is look at the Communications Act of 1996 and the damage it has done to Democracy, the allowance of consolidation of Radio, TV and Print can be seen in that 5 or 6 companies control about 80% of the communication market and here in So. Florida we haven't seen any Progressive Radio since 2000 when Clear Channel bought up radio left and turned everything to radio right. I have been streaming since the early 2000's and using satellite radio for my news and info, since then I am forced to pay for what is no longer available on "Public Air waves". The Cable Companies and terrestrial Radio mostly lean right and now the only open Communication Media, is the Internet and the developing threat of the right taking over the only means of free and unfettered information sharing available to the people of this Country is not only anti-Democratic, but Oligarchic or in simpler terms the Robber Barons are back and the question that all public servants must answer is who do the Governments' of this Country serve the people or the corporations.

—Mr. Michael Greenspan, Coral Springs, FL

NO to a two-tiered Internet. Do not approve the proposed Internet rules. Maintain net neutrality, and do not change the current system.

—Denise Foley, San Francisco, CA

You must not create a new version of the 1% by creating an internet flavor.

—Amy Schneider, Newton, MA

Net neutrality is vital to keeping the internet free from the big money backed ideas being pitched by lobbyists from the monopoly cable companies/ISP's. Bottom line: the tax paying American public's best interests are what should be the first and foremost consideration in this issue.

—Mike Kalvelage, Jupiter, FL

Make ISPs common carriers. The Internet is an essential and strategic utility, not a candy jar for the cable industry.

—Michael Kelly, Bath, ME

Let's just face it, without net neutrality you will have monopoly of internet, and impoverished sections of the country will have even poorer access to the internet than they do presently.

—Tim Western, Christiansburg, VA

Please do NOT give corporations the right to dictate how we use the internet. We should NOT trust those corporations with our right to free use of the internet. Do NOT abandon net neutrality. Who do you represent? The people? or Corporations?? NO to two-tier access system!!!

—Tony S. Juge, Fullerton, CA



To allow this rule to go thru does not give equal access to the internet but instead panders to the Internet providers. This is unacceptable and cannot and should not be tolerated, we all know that Tom Wheeler definately has ties to the big internet companies that hardly makes him impartial. Everyone deserves equal access to the internet!!!!!!!!!!

—Cheryl Norris, pensacola, FL

I already pay more than I can afford just to access the internet from my home. Will you really cut me and millions of others off from parts of it because I can't shell out more? Doing this in the midst of recession is the worst timing possible, not only for consumers, but for small business owners who look to the Internet as a way to enhance their business and improve the economy.

—Elizabeth Harper, Tuolumne, CA

The Internet is the last true frontier for free speech. To make it a for-profit institute would basically be handing over all content to be given a corporate spin. When did capitalism become more important than the truth? The path we're on right now is downright evil.

—Timothy Lippert, Athens, GA

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—Margaret Lorcan, Redcliffe,

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online.. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Robert Blankenship, Fairfield, IA

Net Neutrality is the only way we can trust current internet providers.

—Phillip Randall, Woodland Hills, CA

Keep the Internet open and neutral for all users!

—Bob Edgerly, Cathedral City, CA

It is absolutely unthinkable that the government of the "freest" country in the world would let this go through. We the people absolutely do not want ANY of this to go through. We are not to be sold to cable companies. Do not let this happen.

—Patrick Charlebois, Boston, MA

Media consolidation has already gone much, much, much too far. The Internet is the last haven of true free speech. Without TRUE net neutrality, I genuinely fear for our democracy. I take this with maximum seriousness.

—Bob Westal, North Hollywood, CA

Net neutrality is important because the cable providers already have local monopolies. The internet is not yours. It is not the government's. It belongs to everyone. This issue and your complete lack of foresight and concern for consumers is absolutely unforgivable. This country has enough shortcomings already and each year we fall behind even more. Your organization is a making a mockery of regulation. There is no positive to this proposal. Nothing is broken! If you want to fix something, fix the complete lack of competition and choices in local markets. Fix the abysmal customer service. You don't have your priorities straight and it's clear that the cable companies have you in their pocket. When you look back at your life? Do you want to be the selfish prick who let the monopolists run this country into the ground? Or do you want to be responsible for finally taking a stand and doing what's right for customers and the country?

—Andrew Ciszczon, NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OH